

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(c) The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this part at the end of any fiscal period whenever he finds that continuance is not favored by the majority of producers who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, were engaged in the production area in the production of prunes for market in fresh form: *Provided*, That such majority has produced for market during such period more than 50 percent of the volume of prunes produced for fresh market in the production area; but such termination shall be effective only if announced on or before March 31 of the then current fiscal period.

(d) The provisions of this part shall, in any event, terminate whenever the provisions of the act authorizing them cease to be in effect.

§ 924.65 Proceedings after termination.

(a) Upon the termination of the provisions of this part, the committee shall, for the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the committee, continue as trustees of all the funds and property then in its possession, or under its control, including claims for any funds unpaid or property not delivered at the time of such termination.

(b) The said trustees shall (1) continue in such capacity until discharged by the Secretary; (2) from time to time account for all receipts and disbursements and deliver all property on hand, together with all books and records of the committee and of the trustees, to such persons as the Secretary may direct; and (3) upon the request of the Secretary, execute such assignments or other instruments necessary or appropriate to vest in such person, full title and right to all of the funds, property, and claims vested in the committee or the trustees pursuant hereto.

(c) Any person to whom funds, property, or claims have been transferred or delivered, pursuant to this section, shall be subject to the same obligation imposed upon the committee and upon the trustees.

§ 924.66 Effect of termination or amendment.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the termination of this part or of any regulation issued pursuant to this part, or the issuance of any amendment to either thereof, shall not (a) affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability which shall have arisen or which may thereafter arise in connection with any provision of this part or any regulation issued under this part, or (b) release or extinguish any violation of this part or of any regulation issued under this part, or (c) affect or impair any rights or remedies of the Secretary or of any other person with respect to any such violation.

§ 924.67 Duration of immunities.

The benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred upon any person by virtue of this part shall cease upon the termination of this part, except with respect to acts done under and during the existence of this part.

§ 924.68 Agents.

The Secretary may, by designation in writing, name any officer or employee of the United States, or name any agency or division in the United States Department of Agriculture, to act as his agent or representative in connection with any of the provisions of this part.

§ 924.69 Derogation.

Nothing contained in the provisions of this part is, or shall be construed to be, in derogation or in modification of the rights of the Secretary or of the United States (a) to exercise any powers granted by the act or otherwise, or (b) in accordance with such powers, to act in the premises whenever such action is deemed advisable.

§ 924.70 Personal liability.

No member or alternate member of the committee and no employee or agent of the committee shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others, in any way whatsoever, to any person for errors in

judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate, employee, or agent, except for acts of dishonesty, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

§ 924.71 Separability.

If any provision of this part is declared invalid or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, or thing is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this part or the applicability thereof to any other person, circumstance, or thing shall not be affected thereby.

Subpart—Rules and Regulations

§ 924.101 Changes in district representation.

Beginning with the 1970-71 fiscal period, the representation or membership on the Washington-Oregon Fresh Prune Marketing Committee is reapportioned as follows:

- (a) Three (3) grower members and their respective alternates shall be producers of prunes in District 1;
- (b) Three (3) grower members and their respective alternates shall be producers of prunes in District 2;
- (c) Two (2) handler members and their respective alternates shall be producers of prunes in District 1; and
- (d) One (1) handler member and his alternate shall be handlers of prunes in District 2.

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§ 924.110 Waiver of inspection and certification.

(a) *Application.* Any handler (including a grower-handler packing and handling prunes of such handler's own production), whose packing facilities are located in an area where either a Washington State Plant Industry Division Inspection Office or Oregon State Plant Industry Inspection Office or Federal-State Inspector is not readily available to perform the required inspection may, prior to shipment, apply to the Committee for a permit authorizing a waiver of inspection. Applications shall be made on forms furnished by the Committee and shall contain such information as the Committee may re-

quire including: Name and address of applicant, location of packing facility, distance of packing facility from the nearest inspection office, period (approximate beginning and ending dates) during which the applicant expects to ship to fresh market during the period, manner in which the majority of applicant's fruit will be marketed (i.e., transported by applicant to market, sold at orchard to truckers, etc.), areas or markets to which the applicant expects to ship the majority of the prunes. The application shall also contain an agreement by applicant

(1) not to ship or handle any prunes unless such prunes meet the grade, size, maturity, container, and all other requirements of the marketing agreement and order in effect at time of handling;

(2) to report periodically to the Committee on reporting forms furnished by the Committee, the following information on each shipment: quantity, variety, grade, minimum size, container, date of shipment, destination, name and address of buyer or receiver, and such other information as the Committee may specify;

(3) to pay applicable assessments on each shipment;

(4) to have or cause to have each shipment of prunes inspected when such shipment is transported to a market or through a location enroute to market where an inspector is available; and

(5) to comply with such other safeguards as the Committee may prescribe.

(b) *Issuance of permit.* Whenever the Committee finds and determines from the information contained in the application or from other proof satisfactory to the Committee that the applicant is entitled to a waiver from the inspection requirements of the marketing agreement and order at time of shipment, the Committee shall issue a permit authorizing the applicant to ship prunes in accordance with these administrative regulations and the terms and conditions of such permit.

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